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SUBJECT: DISAPPEARANCE OF US CITIZEN

REF: STATE 304129

1. CONSULAR COUNSELOR CALLED ON MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS G.A. BOSIKOV AND N. M. BULAVIN DECEMBER 30, DELIVERED ORAL MESSAGE RE NICHOLAS GEORGE SHADRIN PER PARA THREE REFTEL AND HANDED OVER NON-PAPER.

2. BOSIKOV ASKED WHEN SHADRIN HAD EMIGRATED TO US AND WHETHER HE HAD DIVESTED HIMSELF OF SOVIET CITIZENSHIP. CONSOFF STATED HE BELIEVED SHADRIN SETTLED IN US IN 1959 OR 1960, BUT DID NOT KNOW WHETHER HE HAD FORMALLY GIVEN UP SOVIET CITIZENSHIP. BOSIKOV THEN COMMENTED THAT UNLESS SHADRIN HAD DONE SO, HE WOULD STILL BE CONSIDERED SOVIET CITIZEN AND CONSULAR CONVENTION WOULD NOT APPLY. CONSOFF REPLIED THAT SHADRIN IS PERMANENT US RESIDENT AND THAT CONVENTION THEREFORE DOES GIVE RIGHT TO US CONSULAR ACCESS.

3. BOSIKOV STATED THAT HE WOULD CHECK IF ANY INFO AVAILABLE. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT IT NOT LIKELY THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE ANY INFO ABOUT INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS LOST IN VIENNA. HE CITED ALLEGEDLY SIMILAR CASE THAT BRITISH EMBASSY RECENTLY SUBMITTED TO MFA RE BRITISH SUBJECT LOST IN
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FINLAND, CONCERNING WHOM SOVIET AUTHORITIES NATURALLY HAD NO

INFORMATION. (CONSOFF LATER CHECKED WITH BRITISH EMBASSY AND
LEARNED THAT BRITISH SUBJECT, NEIL JOHNSON, DISAPPEARED IN MID-
1975 WHILE ON WALK WITH WIFE IN LAPP VILLAGE OF INENI NEAR
SOVIET BORDER, AND HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE. BRITISH DID IN-
QUIRE FROM MFA AS LAST RESORT, BUT CASE NOT ANALOGOUS TO
THAT OF SHADRIN'S SINCE JOHNSON HAD NOT BEEN BORN IN USSR,
ETC.)

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